ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT

No. 06-829

NOT DESIGNATED FOR PUBLICATION

Opinion Delivered

October 26, 2006

MELVIN DUKES
Appellant

PRO SE MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE BRIEF [CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, CV 2005-835, HON. ROBERT HOLDEN

WYATT, JR., JUDGE1

v.

LARRY NORRIS, DIRECTOR, ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION Appellee

MOTION GRANTED

PER CURIAM

Appellant Melvin Dukes, an inmate incarcerated in the Arkansas Department of Correction, filed a petition for declaratory judgment and petition for writ of mandamus in Jefferson County Circuit Court on November 2, 2005, in which, proceeding *pro se*, he sought an injunction and other relief concerning a program for meritorious furlough and electronic monitoring devices. Appellant filed an amended petition on December 12, 2005. The appellee filed a response and motion to dismiss after the petition was filed, and again after the amended petition was filed. The circuit court denied the petition by order entered May 10, 2006, dismissing with prejudice and finding that the petition was frivolous and without merit. Appellant has lodged an appeal of that order in this court and now brings this *pro se* motion for an extension of time in which to file appellant's brief.

Appellant indicates that he needs additional time because the law library at the prison has been unavailable to him. He requests an extension of time for seven days. The request for extension

of time to file the appellant's brief, which is the first such request by appellant in this appeal, is granted. The appellant's brief is due here no later than seven days from the date of this opinion.

Motion granted.